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IN RE APPLICATION OF

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FOR: PROPYLENE RESIN  
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This letter is responsive to the Official Communication mailed October 31, 2003.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims remain as 1 and 3.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of Claims 1 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,034,165 to Tomomatsu et al., are requested.

The Official Action itemizes the similarities of the properties of the composition disclosed by the applied Tomomatsu et al. U.S. patent and those of the subject claimed composition and also observe that:

The reference does not indicate the ethylene content of the p-xylene soluble fraction.